

I want to comment on the Verizon Wireless petition, cocket number 01-184. I believe the best market for competition, that will provide lower prices and better service, will be created if this petition does not get approved. It has been proven that the markets are better served when, as in land lines, the end-user has the ability to keep their phone number even if they change providers. I have an excellent personal example of months of really bad service from a provider, that had me "locked" into their system becuase I could not afford to change my phone number since so many co-workers, friends and family had my cell number. If I had the ability to keep my number, I would have paid the early termination fee and went to a different carrier. I just recently did this with my land line, and in a few days recieved a call from the provider I dropped offering me a new low rate to win me back! The beauty of fair competition when keeping the consumer/end-user in mind first!